ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a peptide of the formula:

$$R^1$$
 R^2 | | H-Tyr- Z^1 -Tyr- Z^2 -X-Y (I)

wherein R¹ and R² are the same or different and each represents SO_3H or H; X represents an α -amino acid or a single bond; Z¹ and Z² are the same or different and each represents an α -amino acid; and Y represents OH or NH₂. This peptide has plant growth factor properties.